

November 22 2011

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Council

Hello Council,

My sincere apologies for submitting two consecutive reports that did not make it on the main agenda. I was in Ottawa with the Vice President (External) and the Director of Research & Political Affairs for the Canadian Alliance Of Student Associations Lobby Conference and had very unreliable internet service. As I was away all last week, this report will be shorter than usual but you can expect a full conference report from the Vice President (External) or I in the near future.

Survey

Unfortunately the survey has been delayed slightly due to many things coming up on the plate of Marketing & Communications. I hope for it to go out this week and to close in early December. We will be meeting this afternoon to finalize the questions and the send out date. We are already talking for next semester about how to make the planning of this project easier.

Advisory Review Committee for Vice President (Facilities & Operations)

The Vice President (Operations & Finance) and I attended the advisory review committee for the University's Vice President (Facilities & Operations), Don Hickey, yesterday for the majority of the day. The Vice President is up for reappointment for a third term and GFC Policy dictates that this process happen. Although, for the sake of confidentiality, I can't talk about the details of the meeting, I can say that it was a very interesting and rewarding process and the Students' Union was able to contribute meaningfully to the dialogue.

CASA Lobby Conference

As I mentioned earlier, the Vice President (External), Director of Research & Political Affairs and I attended the Canadian Alliance Of Student Associations Lobby Conference in Ottawa from November 13 – 18. This is arguably one of the most effective conferences that the Executive participate in and is something we must continue to take part on as long as we are members of CASA. We spent the week on Parliament Hill meeting with Senators and Members of Parliament talking about our issues. The Vice President (External) did an exceptional job at the plenary sessions (general meetings) of the CASA delegates making sure our interests were served. As I noted earlier you can expect a detailed conference report from the Vice President or I in the near future.

Supporting The Vice Presidents

I spent sometime before I left meeting with each of the Vice Presidents to go over their goals documents

and their progress reports and giving them a chance to track mine as well. The meetings were very useful and there doesn't seem to be any major things that are being left behind in terms of what we set out to accomplish. Everyone has items that are going a bit slower than we had originally hoped but I am hopeful that we will accomplish what we promised in our goals documents.

If you have any further questions, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to follow-up with me, either in person at SUB 2-900, by phone at 780-492-4236, or by email at president@su.ualberta.ca.